

# MATH 46 WORKSHEET : Eigenmodes

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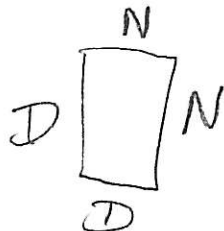
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also separable!

$X(0) = 0, X(1) = 0$   
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Note would not be.

with zero Dirichlet BCs

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$u(r, \theta) = R(r)T(\theta)$

Eigenvalue relation:

so  $-\Delta u = -\frac{1}{r} (r R')' T - \frac{1}{r^2} R T'' = \lambda R T = \lambda u$

Divide by  $R T$ :  $-\frac{1}{r R} (r R')' - \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{T''}{T} = \lambda$

Mult. by  $r^2$  to split

up  $r$  from  $\lambda$  terms:  $-\frac{r}{R} (r R')' - \lambda r^2 - \frac{T''}{T} = 0$

so  $r (r R')' - \lambda r^2 R = \mu = n^2$

$\Rightarrow r^2 R'' + r R' + (n^2 - \lambda r^2) R = 0$

with  $R(0)$  bounded &  $R(1) = 0$

$= \text{const} = \mu$  so  $T'' + \mu T = 0$   
 with  $T(0) = T(2\pi)$   
 periodic BCs.

This is Bessel's Equation, solutions are Bessel Functions. (see Boyce & DiPrima).

$\Rightarrow \mu = n^2$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
 eigenfuncs  $T_n(\theta) = e^{in\theta}$  or  $\cos k$  or  $\sin$ .